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SUBJ: PAN AFRICAN AIR INDUSTRIES

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1. THOMAS D. ROBERTSON FIRST KNOWN TO EMBASSY ABOUT 18 MONTHS  
AGO IN ASSOCIATION GEORGE MULL, AMCIT INVESTOR IN CHADIAN LIVE-  
STOCK, TANNING, AND MFG. COMPANY (CLITAM) OF SARH, CHAD. MULL  
AND ASSOCIATES LEASED SARH PLANT BUILT BSWGERMANS AND QUICKLXF  
WENT BANKRUPT (NDJAMENA 1088, NOTAL), LEAVING EMPLOYEES UN-  
PAID AND EARNING DISGUST OF GOC. ROBERTSON NOT RPT NOT PART  
OF THIS ENTERPRISE, BUT HAD BECOME INTERESTED AREA AIR FREIGHT  
POTENTIAL THROUGH PROPOSAL TO EXPORT BY AIR CLITAM'S BEEF AND  
LEATHER PRODUCTS, WHICH NEVER MATERIALIZED.

2. ROBERTSON'S INTEREST IN EXPORTING CHADIAN BEEF CONTINUED.  
CONCEPT HAS EXPANDED IN RECENT MONTHS TO INCLUDE TRANSPORT  
PERISHABLES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS BETWEEN COASTAL AND CENTRAL  
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AFRICAN NATIONS. ROBERTSON APPARENTLY HAS WON SUPPORT OF

ANTOINE YAMEOGO, IMF DIRECTOR FOR FRANCOPHONE WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES RESIDENT WASHINGTON. THIS SPRING CATHERINE RAZI ACTING ON BEHALF PAAI VISITED NDJAMENA FOR DISCUSSIONS MINISTERIAL LEVEL REGARDING ROBERTSON PROJECT. RAZI, WHO HAS EXCELLENT CONTACTS NDJAMENA DATING FROM RESIDENCE HERE WHILE HER FATHER WAS PAO, RECEIVED ONLY NON-COMMITTAL RESPONSE FROM GOC AS RESULT OF WHICH CHAD ROLE IN OVERALL PLAN NOW APPARENTLY NEGLIGIBLE.

3. ROBERTSON AND RAZI HAVE DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH DEPARTMENT BUT EMBASSY UNAWARE WHETHER ROBERTSON HAS SUPPLIED SPECIFIC FINANCIAL AND CREDIT INFORMATION, WHICH HAS BEEN EXTREMELY VAGUE TOPIC IN DISCUSSIONS WITH US. EMBASSY ALSO QUESTIONS WHETHER SUFFICIENT ATTENTION GIVEN TO REACTION NATIONAL, FRENCH, AND REGIONAL (AIR AFRIQUE, UTA) AIRLINES TO PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT US-BACKED FREIGHT LINE IN AREA.DWYER

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